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SUBJ: SOUTHERN LEBANON: WEIZMAN ON RESTRAINT

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1. AFTER SPENDING TODAY IN SINAI WITH TIME-LIFE GROUP
OF TOURING US CORPORATION EXECUTIVES, WEIZMAN FINALLY CAME
TO LIGHT EARLY THIS EVENING (MARCH 28) IN JERUSALEM
WHERE DCM CONVEYED BY PHONE TO HIM PERTINENT ELEMENTS
OF REFTELS.

2. WEIZMAN NOTED THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED STRONG
CRITICISM YESTERDAY DURING HIS TOUR OF NORTHERN GALILEE
SETTLEMENTS. POPULATION IS FATIGUED WITH LIFE IN BOMB
SHELTERS AND IS DEMANDING THAT GOI RETALIATE AGAINST
CONTINUING PALESTINIAN ARTILLERY AND ROCKET ATTACKS.
WEIZMAN SAID HIS OWN PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT ARE NEARING
AN END. HE WAS HEARTENED BY NEWS OF THE VIGOROUS

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DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WE WERE CONDUCTING
IN AN EFFORT TO BRING TO BEAR RESTRAINING
PRESSURES ON THE PALESTINIANS. WITHOUT SOURCING
REPORT, DCM INFORMED HIM WE HAD INFORMATION THAT ARAFAT
ALLEGEDLY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO OBSERVE CEASE FIRE
PROVIDED WALDHEIM MAKES A PUBLIC APPEAL TO PLO TO DO SO.
WEIZMAN SAID IF TRUE, THIS WAS THE BEST NEWS HE HAD HEARD

IN DAYS. DCM URGED CONTINUING RESTRAINT TO WHICH
WEIZMAN RESPONDED THAT HE "COULD HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER,
BUT NOT MUCH."

3. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF NEED FOR THE ISRAELIS
TO LOWER THE VOLUME ON THEIR STATEMENTS PERTAINING TO
INTENTIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE BORDER AREA (PARA 8, REF B),
WEIZMAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT WE WERE TELLING HIM.
FOR STARTERS, HE SAID HE WOULD "KEEP HADDAD OFF THE
TUBE AND PUT HIM BACK ON THE MATTRESS WHERE HE BELONGS."
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